

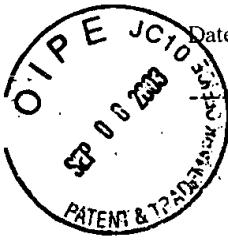
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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PATENT

Applicant:	Randall W. Nelson et al.	Docket No.:	41821.0217
Serial No.:	09/024,988	Examiner:	Anne L. Holleran
Filed:	February 17, 1998	Art Unit:	1642
Title:	MASS SPECTROMETRIC IMMUNOASSAY		

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002, the period of response for which was previously extended by three months to April 22, 2003, Applicants submitted an Amendment and Response with the proper extension fee. Subsequently, Applicants received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002 and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 7, 2003, the period of response for which is hereby extended by three months, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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